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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Jerry Redman

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The applicant's information disclosure statement dated 10/23/2003 has been considered and a copy has been placed in the file.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (3,154,822). Smith ('822) discloses a window assembly comprising an outer frame (28, 29, and 30) having an upper end, a lower end and a pair of opposed sides extending therebetween, a middle frame (32, 33, and 34) positioned within the outer frame (28, 29, and 30) having an upward end, an downward end, and a pair of supports (45) extending between the upward end and downward end, an inner frame (37, 38, and 39) positioned within the middle frame and having a top end, a bottom end, and a pair of opposed edges extending therebetween, a first pivoting mechanism (46, 49, 50, and 51) secured between the middle frame (32, 33, and 34) and the outer frame (28, 29, and 30) and operable to pivot the middle frame (32, 33, and 34) and the inner frame (37, 38, and 39) with respect to the outer frame (28, 29, and 30) in a first direction, a second pivoting mechanism (54, 55, 57, and 59) secured to the inner frame (37, 38, and 39) and middle frame (32, 33, and 34) and operable to pivot and slide ("low friction material" pins 47 along slot 48) the inner frame (37, 38, and 39) with respect to the middle frame (32, 33,

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and 34) in a second direction. Smith ('822) further discloses guide members (Figures 5-8).


The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith ('822) in view of Kunert (5,398,446). All of the elements of the instant invention are discussed in detail above except providing a locking mechanism. Kunert ('446) discloses a locking handle mechanism (51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the window assembly of Smith ('822) with a locking mechanism as taught by Kunert ('446) since a locking mechanism allows the window to be locked in a closed position.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. U.S. patents to Brown, Bates and Poggi disclose multiple frames similar to that of the applicant's invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman at telephone number 571-272-6835.

  
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Primary Examiner